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AN APPROXIMATE EXPRESSION FOR THE VALUE OF AN  
ASSURANCE, LIFE AGAINST LIFE.

*To the Editor of the Assurance Magazine.*

SIR,—The following short investigation may, perhaps, be useful to some of your readers. It will be observed that the resulting formula is much more simple than the ordinary one for the single premium for a contingent assurance; and it has been found to be sufficiently accurate for practical purposes.

PROBLEM.

To find the present value of £1 to be received at the end of the year in which a life aged  $x$  may fail, provided that such event happen during the lifetime of another, aged  $y$ ; the chance of both dying in the same year being neglected.

Let  $S$  = value required;

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } S &= \Sigma v^n(p_{x, n-1} - p_{x, n})p_{y, n} \\ &= \Sigma v^n(p_{x, n-1}p_{y, n} - p_{xy, n}); \end{aligned}$$

but  $\Sigma v^n p_{xy, n} = a_{xy}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \Sigma v^n p_{x, n-1}p_{y, n} &= \frac{l_x l_{y+1}}{l_x l_y} v + \frac{l_{x+1} l_{y+2}}{l_x l_y} v^2 + \frac{l_{x+2} l_{y+3}}{l_x l_y} v^3 + \text{ &c.} \\ &= \frac{l_{y+1}}{l_y} v \left( 1 + \frac{l_{x+1} l_{y+2}}{l_x l_{y+1}} v + \frac{l_{x+2} l_{y+3}}{l_x l_{y+1}} v^2 + \text{ &c.} \right) \\ &= vp_y(1 + a_{x, y+1}) \\ \therefore S &= vp_y(1 + a_{x, y+1}) - a_{xy}. \end{aligned}$$

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,

*Equity and Law Life Office,  
13th March, 1861.*

ARTHUR H. BAILEY.

INSTITUTE OF ACTUARIES.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE INSTITUTE.

*First Ordinary Meeting, Session 1860-61.—Monday, 26th November, 1860.*

CHARLES JELLINE, President, in the Chair.

The minutes of the last ordinary meeting were read and confirmed.  
The Secretary announced various donations to the library.

Messrs. Alexander Burnett, George Thomas Ruck, James Stark, Jun., and Mark Symons, duly nominated at the last ordinary meeting, were unanimously elected Associates of the Institute.